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The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member will take another opportunity to assert facts. I do not think I shall be justified in allowing the hon. Member at this stage to assert facts."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I ask whether they are true or not?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is really cross-examination."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I know whether the Government have already taken on hand the scheme with regard to the bar room?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"That is what I stated. The High Court has stated that there is no urgency about it."

Remuneration to Official Receivers in the Presidency.

*1289 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Official Receivers in the several districts of this Presidency are paid any fixed salary;

(b) if not, whether they are paid any commission or honorarium;

(c) if they are paid any commission, at what rate and how much;

(d) whether they are full-timed servants of the Government or whether they are permitted to have private practice; and

(e) whether the Official Receivers are given any establishment, and if so, in which of the districts and what is the strength of such establishment?

A.—(a) No.

(b) & (c) They are permitted to draw a commission of 5 per cent on gross realizations subject to the condition that when the amount of the commission goes beyond a certain limit deductions according to a graduated scale should be made from the excess.

(d) They are not whole time servants of Government. They are permitted to continue their private practice.

(e) Generally, the Official Receiver of a heavy district is allowed one clerk and one peon and the Official Receiver of a light district gets part-time help from a clerk of the District Court establishment.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"In the answer to clauses (b) and (c), there is a certain limit mentioned. May I know what it is?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I want notice."

Disposal of insolvency petitions in Cuddapah and other districts.

*1290 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many insolvency petitions were sent for disposal to the Official Receivers in the Ceded districts during the year 1926–27;

(b) what is the amount paid to the Official Receivers in each of the districts of Cuddapah, Kurnool, Bellary and Anantapur during the last year and the amount of interest accruing on the amounts invested by each of them in the Banks during that period; and

(c) in how many petitions referred to the Official Receivers in the Ceded districts the insolvents were discharged?

A.—(a), (b) & (c). The Government have no information.

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Mr. A. Parasurama Rao :—" May I know if there is any possibility of getting the information ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Certainly it will be possible ; but I do not think that the collection of the information will be justified in view of the time and labour necessary for it."

Mr. A. Parasurama Rao :—" Does not the answer to the previous question show whether the Official Receiver's work is heavy or not ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I do not think so."

Number of second appeals in the High Court for the last five years.

1291 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of second appeals, criminal and civil appeals, filed in the High Court during the last five years ;

(*b*) the number of second appeals disposed of during the last five years ;

(*c*) the number of second appeals ready for being heard during the last three years ; and

(*d*) if the Government have no information whether they will be pleased to call for the same ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) A statement [a] is laid on the table.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know the reasons why there has been a steady decline in the disposal of second appeals for the last six years from 1,782 to 1,193 per year ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I am not in a position to answer. I want notice."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know whether one of the reasons is that considerations other than those of qualifications have begun to enter into the question of appointments to the High Court ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No, Sir."

Forests

Lease of certain forest coupes in North Arcot district to Co-operative organizations.

* 1292 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chief Conservator of Forests received a letter from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies recommending that certain forest coupes in North Arcot district be leased to co-operative organizations on reasonable seigniorage rates fixed by Government ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a Government Order to all Government departments and local bodies to give preference to Co-operative Labour Unions in giving contracts ; and

(*c*) whether Government will be pleased to confer with the Chief Conservator of Forests in the matter and help the Co-operative Labour Unions in the province ?

[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 647 infra.